

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 1, 3, and 10. These sheets replace the original sheets including Figure 1, 3 and 10.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

This Response is to the non-final Office Action dated March 9, 2005, the personal and telephone interviews granted courteously to Applicants' representative on June 8, 2006, and August 9, 2006, respectively. In this case Claims 1 to 38 are pending and stand rejected. In this Response, the specification has been amended slightly to correct minor grammatical errors. The drawings have also been amended to make the drawings consistent with the written specification and to eliminate in two instances the use of duplicative element numbers. Claims 1, 4, 5, 12, 13, 17, 24, 29 and 32 have been amended herein. No new matter has been introduced by way of any of the amendments.

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In the Office Action, Claims 1 to 20, 23 and 29 to 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,668,643 to Pettinaroli et al. ("*Pettinaroli*"). Claims 21, 22 and 24 to 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of *Pettinaroli*.

In the interview, it was agreed to add structure to the independent claims, which has been done by way of this Response. Each of the amendments to the dependent claims has been made to comport with language in their respective independent claims and has in no way been made to overcome the art of record or to disclaim any subject matter over same. Indeed, Applicants submit that each of the amendments was made to clarify the invention pursuant to the discussion held during the personal interview and not necessarily to overcome any one or more piece of prior art.

In the phone conversation, it was agreed that the present claims distinguish over *Pettinaroli* and the other art of record. Applicants accordingly respectfully submit that the claims as presently presented are in condition for allowance. If Examiner has any further questions regarding the claims, Applicants respectfully request that the attorney designated below be contacted by phone.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,
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